

## **Minutes of the Public Works Committee - October 27, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Manke who led the committee with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Chair Richard Manke, County Board Supervisors James Jeskewitz, Karl Nilson, Rodell Singert, David Swan; **Absent:** Peter Gundrum and James Behrend

**Staff Present:** County Board Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legis. Associate Sandra Meisenheimer

**Also Present:** Public Works Director Rich Bolte, Building Operations Mgr. Mark Keckeisen, Building Operations Supervisor Scott Miller

**Public Present:** Arlene Gureski of North Prairie; Nancy Cochrane of Lannon; Karen Blodgett and P. Dieckelman of Pewaukee; C. Guse of New Berlin; Richard Wenzel and Lashade Anderson of Milwaukee; Kim Rausch of Menomonee Falls; Kwinn Klug, Bonnie Jessen, Leslie Maxwell, Mary Dotson, Jim Stridler, Kevin Faubel, Evonne Powell, and Peter Bonelto of Waukesha; Cindy Bentrop and Dale Widuk of Sussex; Tom Morgan, Pat Morgan, T. Erickson, Scott Hamilton, Ryan Nielson, and John Osborne of Brookfield, Shirley Knight of Vernon, Barbara Sievent of New Berlin, C. Doar, J. DelTorto, Lori Morgan

### **Public Comment**

Richard Wenzel of Milwaukee spoke in regard to the City of Waukesha's proposed route cuts and trip cuts and asked that the county not renew the transit administration contract with the City of Waukesha.

Esler said he would be attending the transit meeting this evening. He stated this phenomenon is the issue of service versus a freeze. The only options are to: 1) reduce service, 2) increase fares, or 3) increase the tax levy. He stated the county is within the requirements of State law and does not have the option to increase taxes more than the established State legislative freeze amount. The options are to decrease service (revenue hour reduction) or increase fares from the passengers.

John Osborne of Wisconsin Coach Lines stated you're right about some of it but there is another option to raise revenues which is a natural right now. Because there is a worldwide fuel shortage everyone's fuel prices are way up. So increased ridership reduces the deficit and reduces the amount of money that you are going to have to throw into the pot to provide mass transit transportation. The 12-14% growth is working for us right now. In times of fuel shortages, why would anyone want to reduce routes when now is an opportunity to increase revenues by increased ridership?

### **Read Correspondence**

Esler said there is a SE Region Fall Highway Commissioner's Meeting at Millie's Restaurant in Delavan, Wisconsin on Monday, November 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

### **Future Agenda Items**

Singert said he would like SB 15 re-agendized, which is the ethanol bill.

### **Approve Minutes of: October 13, 2005**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve the minutes of 10/13/05. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

### **Report by Committee Member Attending Airport Commission Meeting**

Singert said the next commission meeting is scheduled for November 9.

### **Verbal Report by Chief of Staff Esler on the City of Waukesha Transit Meeting of Thursday, October 13, 2005**

Esler said he attended the transit meeting at City Hall two weeks ago. There is also a meeting scheduled tonight. Two items on their agenda tonight are to discuss and recommend modifications to Waukesha County Route 311 to operate as a flex route, and to discuss and recommend a new schedule for Routes 901, 904, and 905. These are the three commuter routes that run from Waukesha and Oconomowoc to Milwaukee and UW-Milwaukee. At the meeting two weeks ago, it was proposed that Waukesha Metro change that route schedule to reduce the layover time from approximately 15 hours to 5 hours. Mike Pevich from Coach Line was at the meeting, and Esler said it seemed like there was some negotiation by Coach that they would not bill for those hours of down time. Esler stated that the transit board did not come to any decision regarding the schedules.

### **Discuss and Consider Bids for Waukesha County Mental Health Center-Code Modification Upgrades**

Keckeisen and Miller were present to discuss the bids. Keckeisen said there are five projects one of which is already finished and not included today. There were also other ancillary items that were done with smaller contracts, such as modifying the guardrails, etc. The projects for approval today are for the HVAC upgrades, electrical upgrades, fire suppression (canopies), and plumbing upgrades (showers). There are three canopies which the State is requiring be sprinkled because they are attached to the building. Because they are exterior canopies, they have to be sprinkled with a dry system, and a different type of control system is being used. Nilson said he is concerned with the glycol in the water and whether it would back up into the water system. Miller said that would not happen. There is a double back jack installed on the system, and there is a whole separate circuit.

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve the contract with Zien Service, Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$55,230, which is comprised of the Base Bid – Project No.1 – HVAC Upgrades (\$29,900) and Base Bid – Project No.5 – Plumbing Upgrades (\$25,330). **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve the contract with Downey, Inc. in the lump sum amount of \$25,000 for the Base Bid – Project No.3 – Fire Suppression Upgrades. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

**Motion:** Singert moved, second by Jeskewitz, to approve the contract with Roman Electric Co. in the lump sum amount of \$16,820 for the Base Bid – Project No.2 – Electrical Upgrades. **Motion carried 5 – 0.**

### **Status Update on Capital Projects**

Bolte updated the committee on completed and on-going projects beginning with Highways:

CTH H/X Signals: activated a couple of days before school started.

CTH Y – L to I (Racine Ave.): in design with Bloom Consultants; project will include overhead on National Ave.

CTH O- I to 59: getting ready to construct; probably 2 phases; south half next year (2006); north half the year after (2007).

Highways (continued):

CTH L, O-East County Line: complete 6/05.

CTH K/Lilly Signals: complete 7/05.

CTH E/Oconomowoc River: slow progress being made with dam bridge

CTH X/59 Harris Highlands: in design with Kapur; November 10–Town of Waukesha will vote on a resolution endorsing the west by-pass.

CTHQ/175 – Colgate, Phase I: construction 4/05.

CTH Q/175 – Colgate, Phase II: design in-house 1/07.

CTH SR Bridge: design with Singh & Associates; probably a go for next year.

TT/Northview: signals under construction; complete 10/05.

Bolte continued with Buildings:

Justice Facility: dedication on 10/22/05; not complete until actually occupied; certificate of occupancy expected next week.

Retzer Nature Center: complete

Northview E. Wing Demo: complete; no money will be spent on landscaping.

Courtroom Remodelings: all complete.

Central Fleet Crane: iron going up this week; crane will be delivered and installed next week.

UW-W Northview 133 and UW-W Northview Lower: bid date is November 15 with construction 2/1/06.

**Verbal Report by Chief of Staff Esler on the City of Waukesha Transit Meeting of Thursday, October 13, 2005 (continued)**

Esler distributed a handout entitled, “Comparison of Routes 901-904-905, YTD September: 2005 vs. 2004.” He stated this information is from Waukesha Metro Transit. He covered % difference of 2005 as compared to 2004 for the following: Gross Operating Expense (-7.1%); Passenger Revenue (-13.1%); Passengers (-0.8%); Revenue Hours (-1.1%); Passengers/ Revenue Hour (+0.2%); Revenue/Expense (-6.5%); Revenue/Passenger (-12.4%); and Expense/Revenue Hour (-6.1%). These figures are from Metro and Coach.

**Motion to adjourn:** Singert moved, second by Swan, to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Rodell L. Singert  
Secretary

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